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Agricultural Summary: Precipitation replenished dry areas in portions of Colorado, improving crop and pasture conditions in those localities. Reporters indicated chief concerns remain lack of moisture and below normal temperatures. Reporters noted the pace of crop germination has slowed in areas affected by dry and cool conditions. However, producers in localized areas made considerable progress planting crops last week. Overall, mountain snowpack climbed to 87 percent of average. Statewide, on average, farmers were allowed 5.3 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	18	28	52	2
Last Week	23	28	48	1
Last Year	11	29	57	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	32	41	26	1
Last Week	39	38	23	0
Last Year	14	38	48	0

Small Grains: Twenty-seven percent of the winter wheat crop was in the jointing stage, continuing behind last year and the average. Although slightly improved from last week, the winter wheat condition rating remained mostly fair to very poor. Producers had seeded 88 percent of the spring barley crop by week's end, an increase of 13 percentage points from last week. Emergence of barley reached 60 percent, up from 41 percent last week. Producers have seeded 80 percent of the spring wheat crop while 50 percent has emerged.

Row Crops: Ninety percent of onions have been planted, up 20 percentage points from last week. Planting of sugarbeets advanced 22 points from last week to 43 percent planted by week's end. The sugarbeet crop was 4 percent emerged, behind 55 percent last year and 25 percent on average. Planting of the corn crop advanced to 32 percent planted from last week's 12 percent. Fall potatoes were 35 percent planted, a gain of 10 percentage

points from last week. Summer potatoes were 50 percent planted, compared with 92 percent last year and the average of 53 percent.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 12, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	1	48	34	16
Last Year	0	0	38	57	5
Spring Wheat					
This Week	6	11	31	22	30
Last Year	0	0	33	62	5
Winter Wheat					
This Week	24	23	37	14	2
Last Year	3	10	31	49	7

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range conditions improved as a consequence of last week's precipitation events with 64 percent rated very poor to poor, compared with 76 percent the week prior. This is compared with the five-year average of 29 percent very poor to poor.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 12, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	39	25	24	10	2
Prev. Year - 2012	8	25	39	27	1
5-Year Avg.	8	21	37	31	3

Livestock: Calving and lambing was nearly completed last week, with 92 percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 93 percent of ewes have lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	92	94
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	93	95

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 12, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Corn				
Planted	32	12	80	64
Emerged	1	-	30	13
Dry Beans				
Planted	-	N/A	8	3
Dry Onions				
Planted	90	70	99	95
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	35	25	53	38
Spring Barley				
Seeded	88	75	92	92
Emerged	60	41	67	64
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	80	60	91	78
Emerged	50	35	49	43
Sorghum				
Planted	-	-	17	11
Sugarbeets				
Planted	43	21	94	81
Up to Stand	4	1	55	25
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	50	28	92	53
Emerged	5	1	52	14
Sunflowers				
Planted	2	1	6	4
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	27	16	96	81
Headed	-	-	58	21

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	5	26	22	37	10
Dry Onions	0	3	12	70	15
Livestock	0	0	8	76	16

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

Alert! The window to respond to the Census of Agriculture is almost closed!

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. *Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.* For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.